Setting up of Export Promotion Agency

1093. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is persistent demand to set up an export promotion agency within the cooperative sector to enable cooperatives to participate effectively in the export trade;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether participation of cooperatives is essential to encourage small and cottage industry sectors in the matter of exports; and

(d) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Small scale industry are already making valuable contribution to our country's exports and if they want to join together by forming a Society for promoting exports, such efforts could be welcomed.

(d) Does not ahise.

Production of Tea in the Country

1094. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of tea in the country has sharply declined;

(b) whether Government have to import tea to meet its increasing domestic demand; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps Government are taking in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) and (b) Table below will indicate that there has been no decline in the production of tea and as such at present there is no need to import tea:—

Year	Production (M. Kgs.)
1986-87	617·28
1987-88	677·85
1988-89	682·67
1989-90	702·81
1990-91	659·59*

*April-December

(c) However, keeping in view the growing rate of domestic consumption of tea, Government has taken several short-term as well as long-term measures to increase the production of tea in the country.

Number of Customs Boats deployed in Anti-Smuggling Drive

1095. SHRIMATI KAML SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of customs craft/Boats with the Customs Department deployed for anti-smuggling work:

(b) whether these craft|boats are technologically advanced for field requirement;

(c) what is the amount of contraband goods seized by the use of such craft/boats during the last three years; and

(d) what steps have been taken to enhance the capacity and number of such craft/boats to counter smuggling activities undertaken on the sea?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Presently 120 crafts/boats of various types have been deployed by the Customs Department for anti-smuggling work around the Indian coastline. The services of Coast Guard vessels are also requisitioned as and when more sophisticated vessels are needed for anti-smuggling duties.

(c) The value of contraband goods seized by the Customs authorities throughout the country during the last 3 calender years are given in the table below:

Years	Value of contraband (Rs. in crores)
1988	443·14
1989	554·59
1990	720·04*
Total .	1717·7

*Figures are provisional.

Figures of seizures effected by use of the crafts/boats deployed by the Customs department are not maintained separately.

(d) 10 Customs patrol crafts have been recently acquired and orders have also been placed for another 18.

1096. [*Transferred to the 15th March,* 1991.]

मुद्रा आपूर्ति की दर

1097. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्री रणजीत सिंह :

क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले कुछ वर्षों से देश में मुद्रा आपूर्ति की दर में निरन्तर वृद्धि हो रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान मुद्रा आपूर्ति की वर्ष-वार वृद्धि क्या थी ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि देश में मुद्रा आपूर्ति में वृद्धि के कारण विभिन्न वस्तुओं के मूल्य बढ़ जाते हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार को मुद्रा आपूर्ति में किन-किन कारणों से वृद्धि करनी पड़ी है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री और विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री दिग्विजय सिंह) (क) और (ख) मार्च के अन्तिम रिपोर्टिंग शुक्रवार के आधार पर मुद्रापूर्ति (एम3) में वृद्धि की दर पिछले तीन वित्तीयवर्षों में निम्न प्रकार रहीं :—

1987–88	15.7	प्रतिशत
1988–89	18.1	प्रतिशत
1989–90	19.9	प्रतिशत

(ग) बाजार में, वस्तुओं के मूल्यों में वृद्धि बाजार के मांग और पूर्ति पक्षों, जिनमें से एक मुद्रा पूर्ति में विस्तार है, पर प्रचालित विभिन्न कारकों के पारस्परिक प्रभाव के फलस्वरूप होती है ।

(घ) समग्र अर्थव्यवस्था की नकदी संबंधी आवश्यकताओं के साथ-साथ उत्पादन और व्यापार की ऋण संबंधी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए प्रत्येक वर्ष मुद्रा पूर्ति में वृद्धि होती है ।

1098. [*Transferred to the 15th March,* 1991.]

Proposal to make National Jute Manufacturers Corporation a Member of the Indian Jute Mills Association

1099. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to make the National Jute Manufacturers Corporation (NJMC) a member of the Indian Jute Mills Association (IJMA); and

(b) if so, the details and purpose thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) It is upto the National Jute Manufacturers Corporation to decide whether or not to obtain the membership of Indian Jute Mills Association. As far as the Government is concerned there is nothing wrong or objectionable if NJMC becomes a Member of any National Association of Jute Industry Organised.